



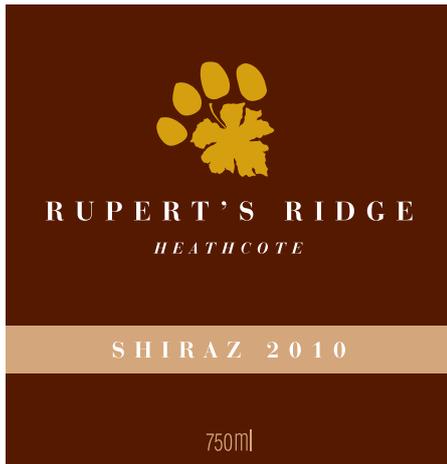
RUPERT'S RIDGE

HEATHCOTE

Estate Vineyard & Retreats

2010 RUPERT'S RIDGE SHIRAZ

Tasting notes



REGION

Redesdale is at the southern end of the Heathcote region, 120kms north east of Melbourne. Rupert's Ridge is situated in the low-lying hills of Redesdale at an elevation of 300 metres. The vines are planted on the north facing slopes of the property and provide the fruit for all of the wines produced at Rupert's Ridge.



VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The Southern Heathcote region experienced average rainfall throughout winter and early spring bringing good recovery conditions for the fire effected vines in 2009. In the New Year, January and February both experienced above average daytime temperatures, but the region's usual low night time temperatures helped keep the vines in good order. The vines were also given a couple of reprieves during February and March with some rain events that took the monthly totals to double the monthly averages respectively. Hand picked.

WINE MAKING

100% de-stemmed and fermented in small open vats with natural yeast. Hand plunged gently for colour extraction. On lees for 3 weeks, then gently membrane pressed and racked to oak after settling. Barrel maturation was conducted in quality French oak for 18 months.

WINE ANALYSIS

The deep rich colour of this wine indicates its intensity. The nose is full of ripe plum and dark cherries with a hint of white pepper. The flavours carry onto the palate, which is full of big soft fruit, but balanced by an elegant oak structure, resulting in a rich wine.

NO. CASES PRODUCED 120 (6 PACKS)

Alc/Vol: 13.0%

pH: 3.53 pH

Picking Date: 1st Pick 26 March 2010, 2nd Pick 5 April 2010



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